

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association
Jan 13, 2014

Call to order, 6:30 PM

Attendance: Cheryl and Dick Pigeon, Marcia Gruenhagen, Sue Ley, Kathy and Larry Desch, Sharon & Pete Doherty and Jill and Reed Hardy. Also present was interested neighbor, Diane Auger. Late arrivals were: Ron Antonneau and Mike Clark. Absent/excused were members Dan Drossart and Carol Jones. Our *ex officio* advisory members: Sister Sharon Lasee and Sister Charlene Hockers were not in attendance.

Quorum of eight established.

Approval of agenda: The motion to approve, made by Reed and seconded by Larry, passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes of last meeting on 11/11/13: The motion to approve, made by Larry and seconded by Jill, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: We have a current checking balance of \$721.42 and a current money market account balance of \$4046.09. The motion to approve, made by Reed and seconded by Larry, passed unanimously.

Report of GB Neighborhood Leadership Council December meeting. Pete, Sharon and Sue were there. It was the annual Christmas party and a good time was had by all! Dick cited recognition awards published in the GBNLC Newsletter.

Volunteers for upcoming meetings are: Feb 6, Sue; Mar 6, Jill and Reed; Apr 3, Sharon & Pete; May 1, TBA; Jun 5, TBA; Aug 7, TBA; Sep 4, TBA; Oct 2, TBA; Nov 66, TBA; Dec 4, TBA.

Old Business:

Web site: Larry and Reed will attend the training if their schedules allow.

Fund raising: We will have to keep this in mind going forward.

New business:

National Night Out Aug 5th. Jill has volunteered to be our contact person this year. Northeast GB has won a national award for our NNO. We are one of three communities in Wisconsin to be so recognized.

Spring Function/other activities planning: Marcia reported that the VA Center is not available for

evening meetings. She and her husband, Jerry, who is a Navy veteran, will approach them to see if we can get a representative to speak at our spring meeting.

Plan B venue options: Riverside, Mackinaws, Wally's Spot, UWGB, etc. We will need facilities for a speaker and power-point or other slide presentation technologies.

Program possibilities: Redevelopment of University Ave., Presenter from VA Center, Neil White to discuss redevelopment planning, someone to discuss the plans for a "Technology Park" near the current county jail in partnership with UWGB, etc.

Candidates for the board vacancy: No new nominations. All members of the board are encouraged to seek a candidate for this opening. The appointment will be made by the board and will continue until our annual meeting at which time they will stand for election if they wish to run.

City staffing change discussion: Andy Rosenthal is now the Chief of Staff for the Mayor. We congratulate him on this career advancement. The City is seeking a person to take up his former responsibilities in the Neighborhood Liaison office.

Fighting Phragmites April 4: An article in our Newsletter cited the effort on the part of the East Shore Drive Neighborhood Assn. together with some members of the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Assn. to put together a workshop on this topic for Bay neighbors.

Next NDNA newsletter: We need articles for the next Newsletter. Several ideas were discussed: A technology park planning article, an article outlining the impact of the VA Clinic on local traffic and businesses, an article discussing the spring social inviting neighbors to submit ideas for informational speakers, entertainment and/or fun activities, a discussion of road repair plans for Nicolet Drive, etc... Send your suggestions and article copy to Larry as soon as possible.

Other business: Reed asked about road resurfacing planning? Nicolet Drive is a County road. Ron reported that the current plan is to re-pave the existing road and possibly widen the bike/walking paths. The five-year plan will explore widening the road further. On the other hand it was suggested that the current County approach is to reduce costs by NOT building bike/walking paths along new roads. We need some clarity on this.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn, made by Reed and seconded by Ron, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Reed Hardy, Secretary on January 20, 2014.